

Hamilton County Commissioners' Meeting
P.O. Box 1167
Syracuse, KS 67878
Meeting Place—Commissioner Room
Hamilton County Courthouse
May 21, 2013
8:30 a.m.

John Simon, Chairman
Randall C. Braddock, Vice-Chairman
Michael Lewis, Commissioner
Keith Puckett, Commissioner
Nikki Schwerdfeger, Commissioner
Rob Gale, Attorney
Angie Moser, County Clerk

Commissioner Simon called the Meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with all Commissioners present.

AGENDA: Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PRIOR MINUTES: Commissioner Puckett moved to approve the May 14, 2013 Commissioner Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

WESTERN KANSAS CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER: Vicki Hubin with Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center explained the services they offer to children in Hamilton County. They provided services five times to Hamilton County in the last year. Commissioner Simon moved to pay Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center \$2,500.00 from the Diversion Fund. Commissioner Puckett seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

VIP CENTER: Janice Hammond, VIP Center Director, presented her department's 2014 budget.

MIKE BUXTON: Mr. Buxton, Director of Rural Operations, and Kerstin Mitchell, Rural Operations Secretary, informed the Commissioners the County is part of the Arkansas River Valley Solid Waste Management Group. There is no further need for the Group, and the members want to disband. Commissioner Lewis moved to withdraw from the Arkansas River Valley Solid Waste Management Group. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

HOSPITAL BOARD: Kent Schwieterman and Barb Bay, Hamilton County Hospital Board Members, and Phyllis Horning, interim Administrator, discussed the following:

- 1) Presented their 2014 budget.
- 2) Asked the County to take over the management and maintenance of Sunflower Square, due to the budget impact of the Hospital. Commissioner Lewis will speak to a housing authority member and report back to the Commission.
- 3) Commissioner Braddock moved for a 10-minute executive session for matters pertaining to non-elected personnel, with all Commissioners, Attorney Gale, Hospital Board and Phyllis Horning present. Commissioner Puckett seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. The executive session began at 9:35 a.m. and the regular meeting resumed at 9:45 a.m.
- 4) Commissioner Puckett moved to allow the use of the sales tax fund for the purpose of hiring an interim Chief Executive Office/Chief Financial Officer, to be reviewed in six months. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

RICHARD GARZA: Sheriff Garza presented a proposal for \$3,000.00 to replace an AC compressor or to replace the whole AC unit for \$5,900.00. Commissioner Lewis moved to replace the AC unit not to exceed \$6,000 to be paid from Capital Outlay. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

5-YEAR PLAN: The 5-year plan was reviewed. Commissioner Simon discussed the condition of the sprinkler system and vacant apartments at Sunflower Square.

RE-APPOINTMENT TO LIBRARY BOARD: Commissioner Schwerdfeger moved to reappoint Jennifer Lehman to the Hamilton County Library Board for a four year term ending May 31, 2017. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE RE-APPOINTMENTS: Commissioner Braddock moved to reappoint Keith Puckett and Kerstin Mitchell to the Solid Waste Committee for a four year term ending March 31, 2017. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

GRADER LEASE: Commissioner Braddock discussed our options for the grader lease that is due the end of May, 2013. An appraiser is coming this week to give an accurate appraisal value of the grader. Caterpillar will take the grader back, sell it and apply the profit towards another equipment purchase. The County could also buy the grader outright and sell the grader or keep it. It was decided to wait on the appraisal and to have a Special Meeting on Wednesday, May 28, 2013 at 8:30 a.m.

12/31/2012 AUDIT: Niki May with Kennedy & McKee, presented the 12/31/2012 unused budget authority transfer to reserves request and also discussed the transfer options. Commissioner Puckett moved to transfer \$162,000.00 of the 2012 General Fund unused budget authority to the Special Road Fund and \$100,910.00 to the Capital Outlay Fund. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. Commissioner Schwerdfeger moved to transfer \$53,453.00 of unused Road Department budget authority into the Special Machinery Fund. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

HOSPITAL FUNDING: Discussed with Hospital Board.

COMMUNITY WIDE LEADERSHIP MEETING: There will be a Special Meeting in order for the Commissioners and County Clerk to attend the Community Wide Leadership Meeting on May 21, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

WARRANTS: After review and discussion, Commissioner Simon moved to approve the Warrants in the amount of \$8,773.00. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

COMMISSIONER REPORT:

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Simon moved for a 10-minute executive session for matters pertaining to non-elected personnel, with all Commissioners, Attorney Gale, and Mike Buxton present. Commissioner Puckett seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. The executive session began at 10:30 a.m. and the regular meeting resumed at 10:40 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Braddock moved for a 10-minute executive session for matters pertaining to attorney client privilege, with all Commissioners and Attorney Gale present. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. The executive session began at 10:45 a.m. and the regular meeting resumed at 10:55 a.m.

As there was no more business to come before the meeting, Commissioner Lewis moved for adjournment. Commissioner Simon seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

County Clerk

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

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Commissioner